

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY  
DUE TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER  
BY MAYOR JIM STRICKLAND, CITY OF MEMPHIS**

**No. 54-2022**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Memphis experienced severe winter weather beginning February 3, 2022, resulting in freezing temperatures and ice accumulation. The freezing temperatures and precipitation created icy conditions on roadways and surfaces in the City and presented a significant danger to public safety, including fallen trees on power lines damaging property and blocking public right of ways, power outages exceeding over 125,000 customers, and other property damage that has impacted the operation of emergency vehicles and impeded the delivery of essential goods and services, the effects of which are still on-going; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the severe weather, Shelby County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency has activated the Emergency Operations Center to Level 3; and

**WHEREAS** it is imperative that the City take all necessary measures to minimize the effects and impact of the severe winter weather; and

**WHEREAS**, in the judgement of the undersigned, an emergency currently exists within the City of Memphis as defined in Title 58 of the Tennessee Code Annotated; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110(3)(A)(v), the duration of a state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven (7) days and may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the severe winter weather and its impact on the City, a local emergency exists in the City pursuant to state and local law; therefore, it is appropriate and necessary for the undersigned to exercise the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 58-2-110 and 58-8-104, City of Memphis Code Title 2, Chapter 58 and all other applicable law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, hereby declare a state of emergency exists as it relates to the severe winter weather impacting the City of Memphis ("Emergency"), pursuant to the authority granted to me by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 58-2-110 and 58-8-104, Memphis City Charter Home Rule Amendments No. 3231 and 1852, Memphis City Code § 2-58-7 and all other applicable law for the duration of the Emergency.

Upon signature, this Order shall become effective on February 3, 2022.



Jim Strickland, Mayor

Executed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022